



PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicants: Ryuzo HOSOTANI et al

For: PROCESS FOR FORMING AGGREGATES OF
HYDROPHOBIC GROUP-CONTAINING POLYSACCHARIDE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2002,
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following
amendments:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please replace the Abstract with the new Abstract of the
Disclosure enclosed herewith. A marked-up copy is also
enclosed.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows. A marked-up
copy of the amended paragraphs is also enclosed.

**Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 1,
line 1, and ending on page 6, line 20, with the following
rewritten paragraphs.**